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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices for next week are trending unchanged in the Midwest and West, lower in the East. Trade sentiment was mixed, but mostly no better than steady. Retail and food service demand was slow to moderate, instances fairly good for fast food promotions. Supplies of smaller sized product was sufficient to closer balanced, but heavier weights were adequate to ample. In the parts structure, movement was fair at best, but slightly better where weekend needs increased. Wings were in good supply with renewed seasonal interest. Breast items were readily available and slow to clear, and dark meat was more than sufficient. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at weights in a full range.

Preliminary report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 8/23/04-08/27/04 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A

(Including branded product)

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	66.00-69.00	63.00-80.00	69.96	29
Los Angeles	85.00			
New York	67.00-70.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	75.00-79.00	63.00-84.00	78.98	86

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 80.00 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
976	75.25-82.00	79.49

Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice packed parts:

ITEM	WTD. AVG. (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	245.00	1,237
BREASTS - B/S	209.50	5,369
BREASTS - WHOLE	121.00	1,557
THIGH MEAT - B/S	94.00	846
LEG QUARTERS	32.50	7,420
WINGS	114.50	2,856

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Whole broiler/fryer market tone was mixed; steady to fully steady on small birds and steady to weak on heavy weight product. Offerings were moderate to heavy on big birds, limited on smaller weights. Retail and food service demand continued slow to moderate; occasionally fairly good with best pull into fast food. Floor stocks were for the most part in balance; instances long on parts and short on small birds. Weights were desirable to trending heavy. Parts activity was sluggish with wings showing a fairly decent call. Supplies of all items were available; boneless/skinless breasts and thigh meat were ample and discounted to help clear. The market tone was steady to fully steady on wings, steady on leg quarters, barely steady to weak on all other parts.

SOUTHERN BROILER Trade sentiment was no better than steady with weak undertones. Demand entering the weekend was slow to fair with limited trading. Supplies of all sizes were more than sufficient to handle trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was light, and supplies of all items were at least adequate or readily available and frequently discounted to move. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majority prices unchanged. Trading reported for next weeks' deliveries on regular commitments at mainly unchanged prices with new negotiations unchanged on small sized product and unchanged to lower on heavy weights. Buying activity was moderate. Offerings were adequate on lightweight product and ample on heavy weights for immediate needs. Retailer demand was moderate to good, best for parts particularly where featured. Dealers anticipated moderate weekend

carryovers. The market tone was generally steady on dark meat items, about steady on wings and barely steady on breast. **Ads noted** (per pound unless otherwise stated): **Arizona** - whole body 99-159, whole body marinated 129, roaster 99-169, boneless breast 269, boneless breast marinated 399, boneless breast 2.5# IQF 899, boneless thigh meat 379-399, boneless thigh meat 3# IQF 498-729, leg quarters 99-149, thigh 129-159, drumstick 129-159; **Colorado** - roaster 100, boneless breast tenders 499, boneless breast organic 599, boneless breasts 249-379, boneless breast 2.5# 899, boneless breast seasoned 399, boneless breast fillets marinated 399, drumstick 129-149, thigh 129-149, (**deli food service** - rotisserie 499 each); **Idaho** - whole body 77-79, split breast 119, drumstick 99, thigh 99, (**deli food service** **fried mixed** - 8 piece 599, 50 piece 2999, 100 piece 5899, 250 piece 13999, and 500 piece 27599); **Northern California** - whole body free range 169, whole cut-up 169, boneless breast free range 498, boneless breast 299-549, boneless breast 2.5# IQF 799, boneless breast fillets 399, split breast 199, boneless thigh organic 499, thigh 99, drumstick 99-159, leg quarter 10# 390; **Southern California** - whole body 89-99, cornish hen 228, boneless breast and boneless thigh 249-269, boneless breast 269-299, boneless breast 3# IQF 531-599 and 2.5# 799, boneless breast tender 499, boneless breast tenders 2.5# IQF 799 and 3# 698-807, boneless thigh meat 3# IQF 498, boneless leg meat 89-119, boneless leg meat marinated 79, split breast 99-219, split breast 4# IQF 498, whole legs 77, leg quarters 59-89, leg quarters 10# 390-490, leg quarters 40# case 1599, wing 98, wing drumettes 3# IQF 598, party wings 4# IQF 548 and 3# 698, thigh 59-199 and 4# 250, drumstick 59-199, drumstick 4# 250 and 5# 198-240, best of the fryer 149, gizzards 59, (**deli food service** - fried 8 piece mixed 499-699, 8 piece drumstick and thigh 398-499, rotisserie 498-499 each, hot wing 398 per pound).

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was fair to moderate at best entering the weekend. Offerings of all sizes were available with scattered discounting noted. In the parts complex, breast items remained ample and discounted. Dark meat cuts were fully sufficient. Wings were at least adequate but clearing satisfactorily.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds increased slightly entering the weekend but still noted as no better than fair. Seller offerings were fully adequate on 3.5 and 4 pound sizes; more than sufficient on the balance. Live supplies were moderate; weights were light to mostly desirable. Processor schedules were moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 70 to 85 cents. Trade sentiment was about steady. In the parts complex, breast items were readily available and slow to clear. Dark meat items were more than sufficient. Wings were adequate. *BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	65-86
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	73.28
NO. OF BOXES	7,962
CUMULATIVE	08/16/04-08/20/04 73.12
	08/18/03-08/22/03 60.84
NO. OF BOXES	08/16/04-08/20/04 41,150
	08/18/03-08/22/03 37,817

7 of 7 plants reporting.

AUG 19

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

AUG 20

ITEM	POUNDS				POUNDS				WEEKLY	
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	557	150.00-225.00	155-160	160.35	662	150.00-225.00	150-155	156.26	2,964	159.60
TENDERLOINS	173	190.00-245.00	190-195	197.31	168	190.00-245.00	190-200	195.74	910	198.21
BREAST - LINE RUN	88	114.00-128.00	115-118	117.60	100	110.00-125.00	113-115	114.25	462	116.64
FRONT HALVES	140	72.00-86.00	73-76	75.14	85	71.00-82.00	-	74.47	425	78.93
LEGS	98	32.00-54.00	33-37	36.35	88	32.00-53.00	34-37	36.75	425	37.08
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	507	23.00-29.00	26-27	26.40	510	23.00-29.00	26-27	26.41	2,578	26.38
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	610	26.00-33.00	28-29	28.90	1,063	25.00-33.00	28-29	28.27	4,693	28.41
WINGS (WHOLE)	281	92.00-112.00	94-96	97.43	290	92.00-110.00	93-96	97.16	1,373	97.00
WINGS (CUT)	405	110.00-119.00	112-117	114.84	250	110.00-119.00	115-118	116.24	2,055	115.50
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				115	46.63
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				260	41.67
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				408	83.14

 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS
 TRADING FOR AUG 19, 2004 F.O.B. DOCK.

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RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
47.50 - 57.50	50.77	47.00 - 55.50	50.44	53.26

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS - Trucklot buying activity increased slightly entering the weekend but was noted as generally fair at best as dealers kept floor stocks balanced and eyed next week with caution. Offerings of breast items were readily available and discounted to clear. Dark meat cuts were fully sufficient. Wings were generally adequate. Retail and distributive draw was lackluster. The market tone continued barely steady to instances weak.

ICE PACKED B/F PARTS, DLVRD TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER LB.

AUG 20

ITEM	CURRENT NEG			WTD	CURRENT NEG			WTD	WEEKLY	
	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS		TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS		WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	175	172.94	697,197		170-175	176.84	719,454	176.01		3,108,664
TENDERLOINS	205	198.06	86,040		205	195.00	118,120	199.92		431,470
BREAST - WITH RIBS	107-108	116.92	100,960		105-106	112.82	150,400	117.39		584,120
BREAST - LINE RUN	107	110.57	154,600		105	104.65	101,240	110.71		735,720
LEGS	48-49	39.57	304,880		48-49	41.56	341,241	40.19		1,706,920
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	31-32	33.87	316,923		31-32	33.02	274,459	33.36		1,592,564
DRUMSTICKS	35-36	40.02	135,592		35-36	40.48	140,385	39.26		725,790
THIGHS	29-30	40.23	114,703		29-30	42.02	124,280	40.27		535,244
B/S THIGHS	85-86	76.62	64,960		85-86	78.89	94,240	78.53		357,700
WINGS (WHOLE)	100-101	102.48	160,240		100-101	104.68	122,200	104.60		668,800
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.12	27,040		10-12	11.79	18,160	11.88		128,140
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	24.19	12,400		30-35	26.09	14,840	26.34		69,920
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	58.93	16,760		55-60	60.30	17,080	59.44		106,680

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). * TODAY'S NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPE, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

ESTIMATED								SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS		
(1,000)		(1,000)		AVG WT		ACTUAL		AVG WTS		RANGE
(1,000)		(1,000)		(1,000)		(1,000)		(1,000)		
08/20	08/19	08/18	08/17	08/18	08/17	08/13	08/11			
Alabama	5,269	4,053	4,105	4,060	5.28	5.33	4,272	5.25		97-99
Arkansas	5,299	5,488	5,460	5,420	5.11	5.19	5,609	5.05		95-107
Delmarva	2,230	2,249	2,267	2,268	5.59	5.62	2,423	5.53		
KY-LA-TN	2,141	2,113	2,107	2,132	5.17	5.03	2,369	5.02		78-83
Mississippi	3,385	3,133	3,078	3,120	5.53	5.52	4,228	5.44		
North Carolina	2,930	2,520	2,104	2,440	6.65	6.43	2,632	6.36		
Texas	2,484	2,477	2,529	2,522	5.25	5.25	3,550	5.11		
Total	23,738	22,033	21,650	21,962	5.42	5.44	25,083	5.34		
Mon-Fri	111,907(A)						111,454(A)			

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 20-Aug-04 and 21-Aug-04 is estimated to be 35,515,000 head down 5.65 percent from a week ago and up 9.40 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 37,640,000, last year 32,462,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the weekending 21-Aug-04 is estimated to be 162,326,000 head up 0.79 percent from a week ago, and up 1.10 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 161,051,000, last year 160,560,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS			RANGE
FRYERS			97-99
ROASTERS 4# & UP			95-107
HENS UNDER 5#			
HENS OVER 5#			78-83
DUCKS			
RABBITS-WHOLE			
RABBITS-CUT UP			
SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS			RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK		116
	ICE PACK		107-109
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK		108-109
	DRY PACK		110
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK		93
	DRY PACK		93-95
DUCKS			170-185

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection, classified by live wt., week ending 07-Aug-04 (Preliminary),

(A) Fast food/ (B) Retail (C) Deboning
Food service

4.20 Lbs & down 4.21-5.25 Lbs 5.26 Lbs & Up

-----THOUSANDS-----

Head	24,725	21,139	50,540
Avg Weight	3.72	4.70	6.29
% of total /1	26%	22%	52%

Comparisons

Last week	25,286	24,723	44,855
Avg Weight	3.69	4.78	6.40
% of total /1	27%	26%	47%

Same week, yr ago /2	22,630	22,655	50,566
Avg Weight	3.77	4.69	6.05
% of total /1	24%	24%	53%

To date/2004	820,276	678,156	1,393,904
To date/2003	757,736	724,662	1,422,597

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding. /2 Comparable week.

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION (Preliminary)

W/E 14-Aug-04

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS

Head	161,051	1,445	1,498	2,943	477
Avg Wt	5.18	3.29	7.98*	5.68*	6.77
Last week	159,603	1,324	1,407	2,731	457
Same wk yr ago	161,757	1,225	1,483	2,708	414
Avg Wt	5.18	3.54	7.95	5.96	6.63
To-date/2004	4,983,039	43,274	42,254	85,528	14,891
To-date/2003	4,922,207	49,509	44,433	93,942	13,354

Heavy Hen avg wgt for 7-Aug should have read 7.95, total hen avg wgt should have been 5.59.

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 165.1 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 163.0 million head, or 2.1 million less than estimated available.

GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION - AUGUST 17, 2004

PRICES PAID PER POUND, EXCEPT AS NOTED

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	RANGE		RANGE
Pekin Ducks	.14 - .20	Silkie	1.00 - 1.20 ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	.85 - .90	Pigeons	2.50 - 3.00 ea.
Red Fowl 4-5 LBS	.40 - .60	White Pigeons	3.50 - 4.00 ea.
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.50 - .70	Rabbits 4-6 LBS	.75 - .80
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.60 - .70	Rabbits 6-9 LBS	.90 - 1.00
Crossbred Roasters		Bunnies	1.00 - 3.00 ea.
4-6 LBS	1.10 - 1.20	Guinea Pigs	.25 - 2.00 ea.
Crossbred Roasters		Goats	75.00 - 80.00 ea.
7-11 LBS	.65 - .70	Kid Goats	20.00 - 25.00 ea.
Guinea Fowl	1.00 - 1.10	Doves	3.50 - 4.00 ea.
Banty Roasters	4.00 - 5.00ea.		
Banty Hens	2.00 - 2.75ea.		
Leghorn Roasters	.25 - .30ea.		

Total Coops Sold 464

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 16-AUGUST-2004

DUCKLINGS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND	143-145	149-151
MOSTLY		

MIDWEST	127-131	128-133
MOSTLY		

ROASTERS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED

RANGE MOSTLY

ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	79.00-85.00	82.00-85.00
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	68.00-85.00	68.00-72.00

SQUABS: NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

12 OZ.	60.48-71.28
14 OZ.	66.96-77.92
16 OZ.	73.44-86.67

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT,DE,FL,GA,MA,MD,ME,NC,NH,NJ,NY,PA RI,SC,VA,VT,WV

CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS Prices unchanged. The trade sentiment was steady. Demand was moderate to fairly good. Schedules were full-time. Weights were desirable. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$4.25-5.25, bone in legs at \$1.35-1.45, gizzards at \$1.35-1.40, wings at \$0.30-0.50, livers at \$0.75-1.70, and feet at \$0.80-1.15.

NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 16-AUGUST-2004

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	116-134	118-139
MOSTLY		

ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT	
July	10	147.8	164.0	90%	5.15
	17	163.0	165.2	99%	5.13
	24	163.2	167.1	98%	5.15
	31	163.7	166.4	98%	5.26
August	7	161.5	164.8	98%	5.32
	14	163.0	165.1	99%	5.18
Year to date	5043.6	5141.4	98%		
August	21	165.5			
	28	165.0			

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

Under Federal Inspection

W/E	08/21/04	08/14/04	% CHG	08/23/03	% CHG
Broilers	162,326	161,051*	+79	160,560*	+1.10
Cattle	636	643	-01	732*	-13
Hogs	2,025	1,932	+05	1,877*	+08

*ACTUAL

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Trading was too few to report sales on heavy canners; light canners were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was mostly moderate for lights; fair to instances good on heavy canners with most dressed product being used internally. Offerings were well cleared and ranged about adequate to adequate. Processing schedules were normal to instances heavy. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS	HEAVY CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	(WITHOUT NECKS)
26-32 MAJORITY 27-28	TOO FEW TO REPORT

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS	HEAVY CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	(WITHOUT NECKS)
27-34 MAJORITY 30-31.5	TOO FEW TO REPORT

LIGHT TYPE HENS

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS (INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were generally unchanged when compared to last week. Demand was mostly fair to moderate with offerings of spent hens adequate to fully adequate for current needs. Processing schedules were normal. Opinions on removal cost were generally steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	5-12	9 -10

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Price levels were too few to report. Demand was light for adequate supplies of leghorn fowl. Schedules were normal. Finished sales were fair. Costs of disposal were expected to remain steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices ranged unchanged to slightly higher. Demand was fairly good to good with offerings adequate and slightly more available than last week. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	5-10	5-8

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR
SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 23-AUG-04

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was moderate for the mostly fully adequate offerings. Processing schedules for next week were reported as normal to heavy. Supplies of finished product were well cleared. The undertone was steady.

RANGE	MAJORITY
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT

SOUTH CENTRAL LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS Trading was too few to report. Demand was moderate for spent hens. Offerings were at least adequate. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plants worked moderate schedules. Offerings adequate.